

Narrative Summary – April 2020

April 2020 was warmer than normal, averaging 55.3°F, 1.8° above normal (53.5°F). The warmest April (2016) averaged 61.0°F. The coldest April (1955) averaged 47.5°F.

The following daily temperature records were established during April 2020.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
3	Low Minimum	22	22	2008 (Tied)
4	Low Minimum	24	24	2003 (Tied)

Precipitation for April 2020 was well below normal, totaling 0.03 inches, 5% of normal (0.55 inches). The wettest April (2003) received 2.23 inches, while the driest (1999 and earlier years) received only a trace. Total precipitation for 2020 (through April) is 1.63 inches, 60% of normal (2.76 inches).

The average wind speed for April 2020 was 9.4 miles per hour (mph), 0.9 miles per hour above normal (8.5 mph). The windiest April (1959 and 1972) averaged 11.1 mph, while the April with the lightest winds (2004) averaged 7.2 mph. The peak gust for April 2020 was 45 mph. This occurred twice, on April 14 from the northwest, and April 27 from the west. The record wind gust for April is 73 mph, which occurred in 1972.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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Note: The data in this summary pertains specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.